TEMPERANCE MEN WILL FORCE FIGHT

If Ward Law Is Declared Unconstitutional, Issue Will Then Be Prohibition.

ALL DEPENDS ON OPINION

No Chance, in Any Event, for State-Wide Election Before Summer of 1910.

Whatever may be the decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia on the validity of the Ward law, in connection with the Fredericksburg local option election, it is understood that there are few, if any, advocates of temperance reforms in Virginia, who do not feel that the court's attitude at a recent hearing of argument in the case seemed to indicate that the law will be declared unconstitutional. It is probable that an opinion in the case will be hadded down next Thursday, although this is by no means certain. Supreme Court of Appeals of Vir-

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Clearly defining the status of the case in the opinion of his colleagues, a student of the case, who is well-versed in the feeling among the seekers after reforms, said last night:

"We were in favor of local option elections, and we held them and won; but if the court says these elections are void, and that the Constitution prevents us from holding such elections with reasonable convenience, we will demand that the whole matter be determined by a State-wide election.

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"If the Fredericksburg case is af-firmed there will undoubtedly be a law passed by the next General As-sembly allowing a vote on State-wide prohibition in the summer of 1910."

Elections Will Be Vold.

Should the Supreme Court hold the Ward law to be unconstitutional, the local option elections in Frederick

"At any rate, no prohibition electical can become effective for nearly two years, as the General Assembly must first pass a law, which canot become effective before the summer of 1910, it will them be several months before an electish can be held, and a consequent delay in case Virginia should be carried for prohibition."

Run Down by Antomobile.

While attempting to cross at Ninth and Main Streets yesterday afternoon, Lee Thomas, an eighteen-year-old colored boy, living at 320 West Leigh Street, was run down and seriously hurt by the automobile belonging to W. W. Edwards, of 823 West Main Street.

THREE WANT HIS SEAT

Caton's Resignation Brings Out Three Applicants for House of Delegates.

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Colonel James R. Caton, of Alexandria, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, who has served in the lower branch of the Legislature for four consecutive terms, was in the city yesterday, and spent some time in discussing the outlook with some of his political friends, Colonel Caton opened campaign headquarters in Alexandria several months ago, and expects to spend much time in Richmond.

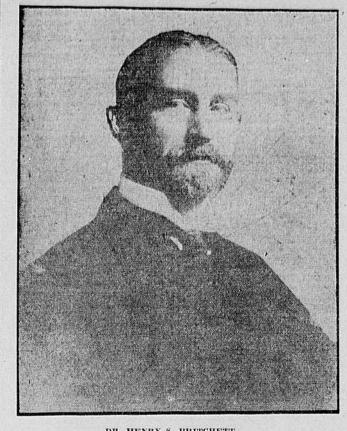
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There are three applicants for his vacant seat—J. Fred Berrill, who was a committee clerk during the last session; Robinson Moncure, whose brother was a member of the 1968 Assembly from a different section or the State, and Robert A. Arnold, a merchant of Alexandria. The contest promises to be a lively one.

deights, Atlantic City and New York. Scole last November. I bet that if he ter and J. O. Barley.

TO SPEAK FOR EDUCATION



DR. HENRY S. PRITCHETT,
Who Will Deliver an Address at the Jefferson Auditorium To-morrow Night
on "A National System of Education."

SHOW THEMSELVES LARGE SUM ASKED AFTER HARD MARCH FOR WHITE'S BAIL

local option elections in Fredericksburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke and in other cities and towns will be declared
void, and the temperance people will
have their pains for their trouble.

Another important result will be that
it will thereafter only be possible to
hold a local option election in the
latter part of July, or else in August
or September, the very time of year
when primaries are held.

The law provides that no local
option election shall be held within
thirty days before or thirty days after a regular election. There is a
regular election in June and one in
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"There are many Republican members in the Anti-Salcon League," says one of the State's most aggressive Democratic leaders, in speaking of the probable outcome should the Fredericksburg case be affirmed. "and they have all along favored a prohibition election.

Would Cause Party Split.

"The result, therefore, to my mind of the law's being declared unconstitutional, will be that those Democrats who have favored local option will join in the prohibition fight, as they are unwilling to sacrifice what they hold as a principle, in order to upheld any candidate who is not favorable to their views in the solution of the liquor question.

"This will bring about a condition of affairs in Virginia, which has not been experienced in years.
"It is impossible for the most astudent of party conditions, to foresee the disturbances likely to be created, but to my mind we are on the verge of a shake-up within the ranks of the party, and it seems to more a solution of the liquor party, and it seems to me there is nothing that can prevent a climax if the Ward law is cast aside and the Fredericksburg case affirmed.

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ground some time, and a call was sent in for the city ambulance. Dr. Bell was caught in his place of business, responded, and Thomas was taken to his home and treated. Dr. Bell stated that there might be concussion of the brain, but thought that the boy would recover. recover.

the illegal traffic

FRIENDS OF TAFT FAMILY STOP HERE AND TELL ALL ABOUT IT

Stamina Club of Cincinnati, Decorated With Pictures, Possums and Feeling Mellow, Halts on Way Home from Inauguration—Ask About Mountain and the Blues.

declared that he knew "Brother Charbon, where Mr. Held to the convention of the people could get to the Taft of Rolling and State that helped to roll up the Rallimore, Philagraphy and New York.

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MAY ASK COURTS TO BREAK CONTROL

Col. Skelton Says Railroads Absolutely Direct Policy of Old Dominion Line.

OPINION GOES TO COUNCIL

Intimated That Fight Will Be Made Under Act to Prevent Unlawful Combinations.

Since the publication of City Attorncy Pollard's opinion in regard to the right of control by the railrones of the Old Dominion Steamship Company it is said that the Committee on Improvement of James River, before which the paper will be discussed at the next neeting, will forward to the City Council the draft of a resolution providing that the City Attorney take the proper egal steps toward regaining the city's

legal steps toward regaining the city's rights both as to water transportation and the contract duties of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in regard to the river front property.

After the passage of an ordinance by the Council instructing the City Attorney to proceed against the railroads, the matter must go before the Interstate Commerce Commission, under the Sherman anti-trust law, and be tried in the United States court, where the railroads will be charged with maintaining a combination in restraint of trade.

rade,
Although the city has naturally great Although the city has naturally great facilities for water transportation, shippers declare that they reap practically no advantage from the cheaper rates that should prevail over the Old Dominion Line, because it is owned and controlled by five great railroad companies, which make the water rates conform to those of their roads.

Gives Names of Directors.

Men's Club, for neither the members as a body nor the board of directors had taken action on the particular question passed on by City Attorney Pollard, but as an individual citizen, I suggested to Councilman Rogers that he should introduce the resolution so that our citizens might know their legal rights in this vital matter. Many lawyers with whom I consulted insisted that the railroads had a legal right to buy and own a steamship company, this resolution having been introduced before the decision by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of the American Tobacco Company on the decision of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, which held that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad would have to sell its holdings in the trolley lines of Massachusetts.

Would Not Cripple Them.

Inauguration—Ask About Mountain and the Blues.

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Here to Inspect Virginia Troops



Options Already Secured for Seven Fresh-Air Spaces for Children.

Plans will be adopted by the its next meeting for the establishment to appoint a committee of inquiry has of the proposed municipal play- effectually set at rest all talk of con-

Under instructions of a joint reso-\$7,300 for playgrounds for this year, the Free Bridge, nor has a meeting of

a fing Hollywood Cemetery, and one playground on a site not yet located, to
he be between Eighteenth and Twentyinfth and Marshall and Frankin
Streets, this having been substituted
for the Seabrook Warehouse property,
now lying idle, but which the city
declined to allow to be used for prayground purposes.

Seriously Cut in Fight,
Charles Stevens was assaulted and
seriously wounded late Saturday night
that had to be taken to the City
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thospital for treatment. Brandon was
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Frounds and Buildings Committee at Aldermen a month since in refusing solidation of Richmond and Manches ter, at least for the present, no furlution the Finance Committee has in- ther step has been taken by the specluded in the appropriation ordinance cial committee in regard to replacing

this special committee, asked the indalgence of the body pending the outcome of the annexation discussion, on
the ground that the crection of a new
the ground that the conditions of the structure under the special
conditions in such an agreement.

At the only meeting of the special
committee on replacing the free of
Bridge, held on the night of October
25. Engineer Isaacs, who has charge
of the structure under the James River
Bridge Commission, said most embatically that the weaker spans
should be replaced within tweive
months, "There should not be any
delay," Mr. Isaacs said. "There is danger from freshet, and there is danier
from the general condition of the
bridge, which has outlived the usual
period for structures of this character,"
Notwithstanding this emphatic and

COUNCILTO-NIGHT, BOARD TO-MORROW

Both Branches of City Government Face Serious Administrative Problems.

FATE OF WEATHER BUREAU

Small Minority, With Aid of Absentees, May Kill Project.

Three nights have been required by the Common Council to exit the docket for March. All of the first night was taken up with discussion of the budget, which was adopted practically without amendment. The second sitting developed a long-drawn-out bate over the award of contract for the settling basin flume, which also went as a committee had recommend-To-night the body will meet to complete the call of the calendar, sud transact routine business. The delays will occasion an extra meeting of the Board of Aldermen, as business trans-acted to-night cannot be passed upon by the upper branch until three days have elapsed.

have elapsed.
The Board of Aldermen will meet in regular ression to-morrow night. Among the matters to come up, besides concurrence in the budget and the flume award, will be concurrence with the lower branch in the resolution adopted following the investigation of the failure of the toriner flume.

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flume.

No meeting of the Board of Aidermen has been held since the Common Council rejected the report of the investigating committee and adopted a substitute placing the banno for the failure of the flume on the contractor and the inspectors, and expressing the confidence of the Council in City Engineer Boiling. It is believed that the Board will concur, though Alderman E. Douglas Richardson, of the Committee on Investigation, may make a fight for the committee report.

AFTER HARD MARCH

Members of Bluer Battalion Will

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Hand and Company A, Richmond Light Infantry Blues' Battalion.

Firday, March 12—Companies B and C. Richmond Light Infantry Blues' Battalion.

Wednesday, March 10—Headquarters First Battalion and Battery A, First Artillery, Richmond Howitzers.

GOUNGIL DALLIES

WITH FREE BRIDGE

Meanwhile Structure Continues to Rust, and Engineers Express Alarm.

Although the action of the Board of Aldermen a month since in refusing to appoint a committee of inquiry has effectually set at rest all talk of consolidation of Richmond and Manchess.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

High Percentage of Attendance Shown by Reperts of Christian Churches.

The bimouthly meeting of the Christian Standay schools of Richmond said Manchester was held vesterday afternoon at Allen Avenue Christian Church. Rev. Hugh W. Sublet conducted devotional exercises, after which reports from the various schools were presented, showing un attendance record as follows:

Cowardin Avenue—92 per cent.; Allea Avenue, 92 per cent.; Third, 84 per cent.; Fairmount, 83 per cent.; Sevenca Street, 81 per cent.; Marshall Street, 79 per cent.

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Cowardin Avenue school was awarded the banner (or the highest average attendance. The totals of the reports from the six schools showed as follows: Officers and teachers, 153; scholars, 1570; collections, \$425.83, Rev. H. B. Melton and Rev. H. P. Atkins made brief aidresses, The next meeting will be held in May at Fairmount Church.

MEREDITH TO SPEAK Will Show Need of New Party in South at Republican Banquet.